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> INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98

SIR:

In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

## Statement of Relevancy

The references were cited in Office Actions issued by the Japanese Patent Office in related Patent Applications Nos. 11-117340 and 11-117338.

English Abstracts are attached to these non-English language references.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of

record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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